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FM AMEMBASSY NICOSIA

TO AMEMBASSY PARIS

INFO SECSTATE WASHDC 2068

AMEMBASSY ROME

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DEPT PASS USSS WASHDC

E. O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: COUNTERFEIT CURRENCY, USSS FILE 123-1517-S

REF: A. NICOSIA 2268

B. PARIS 19168

C. ROME 10715

1. DURING APPROACH DESCRIBED REF A EMBASSY CASHIER REQUESTED UNIDENTIFIED CYPRIOTS TO GIVE OR SELL ONE \$20 NOTE FOR FURTHER EXAMINATION. CYPRIOTS REFUSED. CYPRIOT GROUP AGAIN MADE CONTACT WITH CASHIER ON JULY 27, REQUESTING THAT HE PASS LARGE AMOUNT OF TWENTIES (ESTIMATED FACE VALUE \$60 - 80 THOUSAND) IN COUNTERFEIT CURRENCY. WHEN CASHIER REFUSED, GROUP INFORMED HIM THAT ANY ATTEMPT TO CONTACT GOVERNMENT OF CYPRUS ON THIS MATTER WOULD BE DISCOVERED THROUGH ACCOMPLICES IN CYPRIOT POLICE AND INTELLIGENCE SERVICE.

2. EMBASSY HAS NO REASON TO DOUBT THAT EVENTS TOOK PLACE AS CASHIER DESCRIBES. FURTHER INVOLVEMENT OF CASHIER OR EMBASSY IN PROLONGING THIS ASSOCIATION COULD ENDANGER CASHIER'S LIFE OR FAMILY.

3. IF OTHER USG FINANCIAL FACILITIES ARE NOTIFIED OF POSSIBLE COUNTERFEIT NOTES (REF C) EMBASSY UNDERLINES NEED THAT THIS
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DONE IN MANNER WHICH IN NO WAY IMPLIES CYPRUS AS SOURCE OF

INFO.

4. DUE TO THE DELICACY OF THIS MATTER CASHIER WAS UNABLE TO ASCERTAIN ANY FURTHER INFORMATION AS OUTLINED IN 7 FAM 253.1 CYPRIOTS INVOLVED WERE SUSPICIOUS OF HIS DESIRE TO BUY SAMPLE AND REFUSED TO ALLOW CASHIER TO KEEP SAMPLE LONG ENOUGH TO OBTAIN FURTHER DETAILS.
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NOTE BY OC/T: NOT PASSED USSS.

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